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SUBJECT:ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND

REF: A. BONN 00268; B. STATE 310502 (NODIS)

1. IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL A, WE ARE TOLD THAT FRG FONOFF IS
VERY POSITIVE ON ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND, BUT A NUMBER

OF FRG CONCERNS ARE RAISED. FIRST, FRG HAS CONCERN ABOUT LEVEL OF FUNDS REQUESTED OF THEM. CONTRIBUTION ASKED OF FRG WOULD ONLY BE ABOUT \$25 MILLION PER YEAR OVER FIVE YEARS, A MINOR SUM IN TOTAL FRG AID BUDGET. CONTRIBUTION REQUESTED IS QUITE A BIT LESS THAN MIGHT BE ASKED IF FRG WERE TO CONTRIBUTE ON THE BASIS OF ITS RELATIVE GNP (SEE REFTEL B).

2. FRG CONCERNED ABOUT PRECEDENT FOR NAMIBIA. THE NAMIBIA ECONOMY AND POPULATION ARE CONSIDERABLY SMALLER THAN THAT OF RHODESIA. POPULATION OF RHODESIA IS ABOUT 6 MILLION COMPARED WITH LESS THAN 1 MILLION IN NAMIBIA. ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY FOR ASSISTANCE IN NAMIBIA LIKELY TO BE LESS. EQUAL GERMAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA ANYWAY--SAY A TOTAL OF \$50 MILLION PER YEAR--IS UNLIKELY TO BE AN EXCESSIVE DRAIN ON GERMAN BUDGET OR ECONOMY, PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

3. FRG IS CONCERNED THAT FUND MIGHT BE REJECTED BY ZIMBABWE NATIONALISTS. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE BASIC PURPOSES OF THE ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND WITH ALL BLACK NATIONALIST GROUPS AND WITH THE ZAMBIAN, TANZANIAN, AND MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENTS, AND BRIEFED THEM ON OUR APPROACH TO POTENTIAL DONORS. PRELIMINARY REACTIONS HAVE BEEN QUITE FAVORABLE.
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